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Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

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RE: U.S. v Microsoft

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

I am writing with regard to the settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft in U.S. v Microsoft. This proposed settlement allows Microsoft to safeguard and bolster its monopoly, while also allowing Microsoft to use anticompetitive strategies to spread its dominance into other markets.

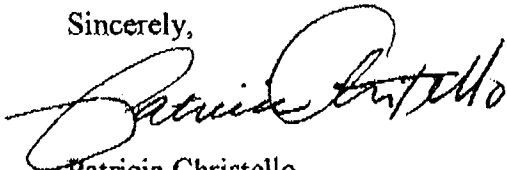
The deal does not promote innovation in this vital sector of our economy. The enforcement provisions are vague and it seems there are many loopholes left in the settlement. At a time when security is of vital importance to both our government and corporations it would seem eminently important that we do not curb the production of new products in an attempt to protect an illegal monopoly.

Microsoft has been found liable before the District Court, they subsequently lost an appeal in a 7-0 decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, have had their rehearing in the appellate court denied, and its appeal to the Supreme Court denied. It is time we rectify these inadequacies and promote the true nature of free markets to keep from hindering innovation in the marketplace.

The court must find a solution that meets the appellate court's standards and avoid any future anticompetitive strategies.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this matter further.

Sincerely,



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